

## **Project Description**

On August 1, 2006 the Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office, will submit for consideration to California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division the following cooperative agreement assistance grants:

**1.) Conservation**

**2.) Facilities Operation and Maintenance**

**3.) Law Enforcement**

**4.) Trail Maintenance**

OHV management for the Eagle Lake Field Office stems from the Eagle Lake Resource Management Plan. The California Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field Office administers approximately 1,000,000 acres of public lands in Northeast California. Approximately 22,000 acres of these lands, the Fort Sage Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area, are located just east of Doyle, Lassen County, California.

### **Proposed cooperative agreement assistance grants for Fort Sage OHV Area:**

**1.) Conservation (Resource Management): \$49,625**

The funding will be used to conduct triennial bird nesting monitoring and surveying in the Fort Sage OHV Area. The conservation project will also monitor potential effects to resources and soil standards on existing trail within Fort Sage. The project will ultimately help prevent future damage to resources. This project addresses and complies with the Fort Sage Off-Highway Vehicle Area, Wildlife Habitat Protection Program (WHPP) which is required by the California State Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission (OHMVR).

**2.) Facilities Operation and Maintenance: \$37,200**

There are two OHV trailhead facilities, Fort Sage trailhead and the Widowmaker trailhead, which are open year long and provide access to approximately 90 miles of designated routes. This cooperative agreement will assist in the operation and maintenance of these two trailheads. These activities include but are not limited to activities such as the following:

- Painting and cleaning the restroom
- Maintaining the information kiosks
- Trash collection
- Purchase of restroom supplies and trash bags
- Repair and replacement of barriers
- Purchase and placement of regulatory and directional signs
- Grading of the access roads
- Printing of OHV area maps for distribution

**3.) Law Enforcement: \$33,060**

The Fort Sage OHV area is a limited use area where off highway vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails. Law enforcement presence is needed within the OHV area to ensure compliance with the limited use requirements as well as other State and Federal regulations. This cooperative agreement will assist in annual funding of federal

law enforcement officers and support personnel in the protection of natural and cultural resources; the enforcement of off-highway motor vehicle laws; visitor services; public health and safety; and installing or maintaining regulatory signs in the Fort Sage Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

**4.) Trail Maintenance: \$23,095**

The priority of this project is trail maintenance work on those routes identified through the monitoring process, and detailed in the Soil Conservation Program, which require attention to resolve minor sedimentation movement issues as well as to eliminate route proliferation. Trail maintenance work will consist of signing the designated routes and conducting tread work on those segments of trails where whoops are creating safety or ease of passage issues.

Comments can be made to:

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### **Past Accomplished Activities**

For Fiscal Year 2004-2005, a total of **\$43,000** in trust funds was granted to the Eagle Lake Field Office:

#### **Facility Maintenance: Funded at \$20,000**

The Recreation Technician maintained and cleaned the restroom, removed the trash, picked up litter, and maintained the kiosks at both trailheads.

The vault toilet was pumped. The Field Ranger coordinated volunteer crews and directed the maintenance of the trailhead and routes. Volunteer crews performed maintenance around the trailhead. Supplies and minor equipment were purchased for the volunteer crews to restock their operating inventory. The sign system throughout the OHV area was inventoried utilizing GPS. The sign system was inspected to ensure that the trails were properly designated and that undesigned routes were signed closed. Approximately 2.4 miles of trails were maintained using BLM equipment operators and a rented mini-excavator. Equipment was rented to conduct trail maintenance because there was 6 inches of snow on the ground when the BLM SWECO was available and the volunteer SWECO was not available for use.

#### **Law Enforcement: Funded at \$5,000**

The BLM Law Enforcement Ranger performed weekly patrols throughout the riding season. Carsonite signs, decals, and weed free straw bales were installed on unauthorized routes and areas. No materials were purchased because sufficient stock was available.

#### **Conservation: Funded at \$18,000**

Certified weed free straw bales were purchased. Volunteer crews and BLM employees installed the straw bales and drainage structures to control sediment movement. All of the routes were monitored for compliance with the Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan and Soil Conservation Program. The botanical study was not conducted. Supplies and minor equipment were purchased for the volunteer crews to restock their operating inventory.

Activities completed that were **not** funded through the grant:

Approximately one mile of fence was installed along the boundary between the Fort Sage OHV area and private land utilizing volunteer crews.